

REMARKS

Please consider this Preliminary Amendment before examining this application.

With this Communication, claims 1-7 are canceled, claims 8, 10, and 11 are amended, and claims 15-27 are added. Claims 8-27 remain in the application for consideration. It is believed that no additional fee is due. However, if any fee is due, please charge Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

Support

Support for the amendments and the newly added claims can be found in the specification as originally filed, for example as follows.

Support for the amendment of claim 8 can be found, e.g., in the subject matter of original claims 2, 5, and 8.

Support for the amendment of claim 10 can be found, e.g., at page 12, lines 10-20; page 15, lines 1-10; and at figure 1.

Support for the amendment of claim 11 can be found, e.g., at page 16, line 3.

Support for the addition of claim 15 can be found, e.g., in the original figures 1-4.

Support for the addition of claim 16 can be found, e.g., at page 4, lines 25-29.

Support for the addition of claims 17-19 can be found in claim 8.

Support for the addition of claim 20 can be found, e.g., at page 4, lines 25-29.

Support for the addition of claim 21 can be found, e.g., in the original figures 1-4 and in original claims 7-8.

Support for the addition of claim 22 can be found, e.g., at page 7, line 25.

Support for the addition of claim 23 can be found in original claims 2 and 5.

Support for the addition of claim 24 can be found, e.g., in original claims 7 and 8.

Support for the addition of claim 25 can be found in claim 13.

Support for the addition of claim 26 can be found in original claims 2 and 5.

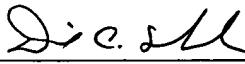
Support for the addition of claim 27 can be found, e.g., in original figures 1-4 and at page 7, line 25.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the Examiner's convenience, should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication or the present patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH W. DAGGETT et al.

By:


Daniel C. Schulte, Reg. No. 40,160



33072

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Phone: 651-275-9806

Facsimile: 651-351-2954

Dated: August 19, 2003

DCS#8999